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1. GHANA'S TWO GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILIES OCTOBER 15 GAVE THEIR EXPECTED EDITORIAL STAMPS OF APPROVAL TO THE REORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT. IN SOMEWHAT SURPRISING CANDIDNESS BOTH ADMITTED GHANA HAS BEEN HAVING DIFFICULTIES ON THE ECONOMIC/DEVELOPMENT FRONT AND THEN BOTH SAW FIT TO WARN AGAINST ENEMIES OF THE REVOLUTION.

2. THE "GHANAIAAN TIMES" WARNED AGAINST ENEMIES FROM WITHIN, OBSERVING "IT MAY WELL LIKELY BE THAT SOME OF THE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE CHANGES MAY NOT BE HAPPILY DISPOSED TO OFFERING THEIR UNSTINTED LOYALTY TO THE GOVERNMENT. OTHERS MAY BE TEMPTED TO REVIEW THEIR POLITICAL STAND. STILL MANY MORE MAY BE HOODWINKED BY THE ENEMIES OF THE REVOLUTION TO JOIN FORCES WITH THEM TO SABOTAGE THE WILL AND THE DESIRE OF THE COUNTRY..." APPLAUDING THE "ARCHITECTS OF THE REVOLUTION" FOR "GINGERING THEMSELVES INTO ACTION", THE "TIMES" TOOK THE VIEW THAT "THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT GOING TO ALLOW ITSELF TO BE OVER TAKEN BY EVENTS."

3. FOR THE "GRAPHIC", HOWEVER, THE DANGER IS SEEN AS COMING FROM
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"EXTERNAL ENEMIES" WHO SEEK TO MANIPULATE DISAFFECTED GHANAIAANS.

"FOR OUR RAPID GROWTH AS A NATION," SAYS THE "GRAPHIC" EDITORIAL,
"WE HAVE TO GUARD CLOSELY OUR HARD-WON FREEDOM AND KEEP IT SAFE
FROM THE PREDATORY DESIGNE OF THOSE WHO WISH TO REIMPOSE THEIR
WILL UPON US...FOREIGN POWERS ARE EAGER TO DABBLE IN OUR INTERNAL
AFFAIRS AND MANIPULATE OUR DEMOESTIC AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS IN ORDER
TO DIVIDE US. THOSE WHO SUCCUMB TO THE TREACHERY OF OUR EXTERNAL
ENEMIES MUST NOT CONSIDER THEMSELVES TRUE SONS OR DAUGHTERS
OF GHANA. SUCH PEOPLE MUST ONLY BE SEEKING THEIR SELFISH ENDS."

4. THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "PALAVER", WHICH AT TIMES PLAYS UP TO THE
GOVERNMENT AS MUCH OR MORE THAN TE GOVERNMENT'S OWN NEWSPAPERS,
TOOK OCCASION WEDNESDAY, TO CASTIGATE THE THREE NRC MEMBERS,
COLONELS AGBO, GAAH AND SELORMEY, FOR RESIGNING. IN A MOST
INTEMPERATE EDITORIAL, "PALAVER" SAYS IT IS "WITHOUT THE LEAST
INTENTION OF QUESTIONING THEIR INTEGRITY" AND THEN PROCEEDS TO
ASSERT OF THE THREE THAT THEIR "RESIGNATION AT THIS TIME OF
THE REVOLUTION CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED THAT THEYWERE IN THE
GOVERNMENT PRIMARILY FOR PERSONAL STATUS AND ITS CONCOMITANT
EVIL OF SELF-AGGRANDISEMENT... THEY ARROGATE TO THEMSELVES THE RIGHT
TO DICTATE HOW THE NATION SHOULD BE RULED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR
CAPRICIOUS AND WHIMSICAL PROPENSITIES." PILING IT ON, "PALAVER
VOICED ITS "HOPE THAT BY THEIR RESIGNATION THE PEOPLE OF THIS
COUNTRY WOULD NOW SEE THEM FOR THE OPPORTUNISTS WHICH THEY REALLY
ARE AND REGARD THEM AS SUCH. MEANWHILE, THE REVOLUTION MUST
CONTINUE - UNABATED - UNDER THE BANNER OF THE SUPREME MILITARY
COUNCIL LED BY COL. I.K. ACHEAMPONG WHO HAS SHOWN BY DEEDS -- AND
NOT BY WORDS -- THAT HE IS A TRUELY DEDICATED AND SELFLESS REVOLUTION
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